## Stop Yankees At the Meuse. **Hun Mandate**

Crossing Must Be Prevented Absolutely, Order on Captured Enemy Reads

Americans Go Along, Making Daily Gains

Germans Keep Up All Night Artillery and Gas Attack Without Effect

WITH THE AMERICAN ARMY NORTHWEST OF VERDUN, Oct. 26 (2 p. m.) (By The Associated Press .-The gains made Friday by the American troops east and west of the Meuse were maintained to-day, in spite of violent enemy opposition and a haras-

On the right the enemy made an unuccessful counter attack during the eight. From 2 to 6 o'clock this porning they shelled the American lines there heavily, the bombardment at times reaching the intensity of a barrage, but there was no further in-

New Troops Oppose Ours

One new division and one new regi-ment have been identified as having been added to the German strength against the Americans. The division is reputed to have travelled more than any other in the German army. It has been successively on the Eastern front, the Italian front, on the Somme and before St. Mihiel. The regiment be-longs to the crack 28th German

Violent enemy reactions continue cast of the Meuse and there has been desperate fighting all along the line. The American position now runs through the clearing between the Belleau Wood and the Etraye Wood. The enemy's determination to hold the high ground east of the river is shown by the fact that he has thrown in one of his lest remaining reserve divisions. of his last remaining reserve divisions to check the American advance in the Belleau Wood, where the enemy is counter attacking persistently.

Stop Crossing of Meuse

aptured:
"The enemy's crossing of the Meuse is to be prevented absolutely. Should he succeed in crossing he is to be thrown back into the Meuse at once. The enemy must not get a foothold on this side of the Meuse under any cir-

The last three words are capitalized. Not only in a defensive way, but by counter attacks the Germans are fighting desperately to carry out this order. This is shown by the futile attacks made Friday in the region south of lantheville Wood, north of Rappes Wood and in the valley north of Bantheville.

## Brooklyn Aviator Fights 15 of Enemy

Lieutenant Vaughn Shoots Down Two in Same Battle While With the British

WASHINGTON, Oct. 26. - Eleven nemy airplanes and one balloon were brought down by American aviators son has approved an increase in the brigaded with the British from Sep- amount which the unitel war work ember 9 to 22, the War Department campaign will seek of nearly 50 per was informed to-day through a Royal cent, and the organizations involved blying Corps communiqué. British Diswill ask the country to contribute \$250,unguished Service crosses were awarded to Lieutenants G. A. Vaughn, of 441
Washington Avenue, Brooklyn; T. J.
Herbert, of Cleveland; M. L. Campbell, of Wakeman, Ohio; L. A. Hamilton, of Pittsfield, Mass., and J. A. Keating, of Chicago.

Chicago.

Special mention is made in the communiqué of the bravery of Lieutenant Vaughn, who, while on offensive patrol, was engaged by about fifteen enemy simplanes, one of which he dived on and thot down in affmes. He then attacked mother, which was seen to fall after le followed it down to 2,000 feet.

Other lieutenants mentioned as having brought down enemy planes are H. C. Knotts, of Carlinville, Ill.; H. L. Blair, of 111 West Eleventh Street, New York; W. W. Lauer, of Pitts-

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## Official Statements

PARIS (DAY).—Duning the night there was heavy artillery fighting between the Oise and the Serre. Contact was maintained with the enemy all along the front reached yesterday.

On the south bank of the Serre River the French attacked the village of Mortiers, which fell into their hands after a violent fight, in which they took 167 prisoners.

East of the Souche the night was marked by energetic reactions on the part of the enemy infantry. Rather lively fighting occurred, especially in the outskirts of Petit Caumont. In spite of German counter attacks the French maintained their positions east of the river.

The battle continued until the end of the day between Sissonne and Château Porcien. The French, breaking up the resistance of the Germans, carried the strong positions organized in 1917, and which the Germans had continued to reinforce between Bannogne, Recouvrance and the Herpy mill, on a front of seven kilometres, attaining a depth of three kilometres, attaining a depth of three kilometres, attaining a depth of three kilometres, attaining a fepth of three kilometres at certain points. The French pushed forward their line as far as the road from Recouvrance to Conde-lez-Herpy. More to the right the French captured the Herpy mill and several centres of resistance. We took a number of prisoners and a considerable quantity of material.

can front lines and areas in the rear.
On the extreme left the Americans have strengthened their hold on the high ground in the southern part of the Bourgogne Wood. The position there is such that the Germans no longer are able to harass the Americans with machine gun fire from the ridge at the edge of the wood.

In the centre of the line west of the Meuse the German artillery is bombarding the American lines heavily with high explosive and gas shells.

BRITISH

LONDON (NIGHT).—As a result of a successful operation commenced by us this morning south of Valenciennes we captured the villages of Artres and Famars, thus securing crossings of the River Rhonelle at the former place, and pushing forward along the east bank of the Scheldt toward the southern outskirts of Valenciennes.

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A determined counter attack launched by the enemy yesterday evening against our positions on the railway northeast of Maing was met by the troops of the 51st Division with the bayonet and repulsed with heavy loss. Our line was advanced between Valenciennes and Tournai and the villages of Odomez and Maulde were captured.

**GERMAN** 

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BERLIN (DAY).—There have been tremendous and, thanks to the brilliant courage of our troops, successful struggles on many parts of the front. After a violent fire the enemy launched strong attacks in the Lys lowlands southwest of Deynze and between the Lys and the Scheldt.

From the north wing of the attack to the Courtrai-Audenarde railway he was repulsed.

North of the Scheldt the enemy after slight initial gains of territory was soon brought to a standstill.

The new line between Ingoyghem and Avelghem held against repeated assaults in the afternoon. On the battlefield throughout the day the enemy artillery directed its fire on places lying behind the front, which up until now had been untouched by the war. They, for the most part, were destroyed by this fire, and the Belgian population suffered heavy losses in killed and wounded.

Between the Scheldt and the Oise the British yesterday confined themselves to violent partial attacks. oSuth of Famars we threw back the

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enemy into his positions of departure by an extensive counter attack. Southwest of Le Quesnoy and northwest of Landrecies attacks broke down.

Between the Oise and the Aisne a big combined attack was launched by the French on a front of more than sixty kilometres. The main thrust was directed against our lines between the Oise and the Serre, as well as between Sissonne and the Aisne. The enemy endeavored to capture the Serre-Souche sector by cutting off this tract of territory, which is strong owing to the natureo f the terrain. Attacks launched early in the morning between the Oise and the Serre broke down. In the afternoon the enemy obtained a footing in Villers-le-Sec and on the heights east of that place. He was repulsed on the rest of the front and suffered heavy losses.

In the Serre-Souche sector the enemy was only able to reach our lines near Mortiers, at Froimont and near Vesle and Pierrepont. The troops of von Luettwitz, by a uniform counter attack, took their old positions between Vesle and Pierrepont. On the rest of the front our fire prevented the enemy from crossing the sections.

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West of the Aisne the enemy's attacks were accompanied by strong squadrons of tanks east of Soissons and on both side of La Selve. They were completely shattered. Twenty-three tanks were shot to pieces west of Banogne. The enemy brought in strong forces between Nizy-le-Comte and the Aisne.

On the heights west of the Aisne the enemy penetrated positions for the possession of which heavy fighting continued throughout the day. In spite of strong forces brought into action the enemy did not succeed in obtaining further advantage from the breach at Saxon Wood, near Herpy.

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Partial attacks took place in the Aisne lowlands southwest of Amagne. The enemy, who had temporarily advanced to the north bank of the Aisne near Ambly, was thrown back over the river by a counter attack.

East of the Aisne artillery duels revived temporarily. Partial attacks by the enemy pressed back our posts to the northern edge of the heights north of Grandpré. For the rest they were repulsed.

On both sides of the Meuse fighting activity was limited to a disturbing fire and minor infantry engagements. On the east bank Saxon companies cleared out a nest of Americans who remained behind after the last fighting there.

South of the Selle we captured prisoners in successful raids.

### **AMERICAN**

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WASHINGTON (Oct. 25).—On the Verdun front the battle has continued with violence east of the Meuse. Late yesterday our troops enlarged their important gains south of the Consenvoye-Damvillers road and occupied completely the Bois d'Ormont. To-day the enemy counter attacked repeatedly and with strong forces on the front from the Bois d'Ormont to the Bois d'Etrayes.

Although supported by violent artillery and machine gun fire his attacks were repulsed with extremely heavy losses. Only in the Bois Belleu did he succeed in slightly pushing back our line. At this point after three assaults had failed before the stubborn resistance of our troops the fourth attack forced us to withdraw from the eastern part of the wood. Hostile forces which attempted to penetrate our positions northwest of the Bois Belleu were driven back after a severe struggle lasting throughout the day.

West of the Meuse our troops have advanced in the face of determined resistance on the slopes northwest of Grandpre and have entered the southern portion of the Bois de Bourgogne.

burgh; F. E. Luff, of Cleveland Heights, Ohio; T. L. Moore, of Kewanee, Ili; J. O. Creech. of Washington; W. Clements, of Gloucester, Va,; F. E. Kindley, of Gravette, Ark.; H. Burnick, of 174, Remsen Street, Brooklyn; E. W. Springs, of Lancaster, Penn., and G. D. Wicks, of Sauquoit, N. Y. Lieutenant A. F. Diamond, of Mobile, Ala., was mentioned as having brought down a hostile balloon. plete report, so that the country may have the benefit of his judgment of the manner in which sick and wounded American soldiers are being cared for Body Dept., "Blue War Work Fund Will

Ancient Documents Destroyed, Cathedral Pillars Mined,

PARIS, Oct. 25 .- Deliberate destruction of property and documents of historic nature was carried out by the Germans at St. Quentin, according to a report made by Premier Clemenceau by the municipal authorities of that city.

Ancient city documents which had been walled up under control of the German command and placed under seal, were found to have been removed or burned. Evidence showed that this occurred shortly after the inhabitants fled from St. Quentin in March, 1917. At the cathedral an attempt was made to mine the great pillars, but the rapid advance of the French prevented the Germans from carrying out their de-

determination to crush the economic life of France.

The report asks that the armistice with Germany, when arranged, will secure the return of all the people of the city from occupied districts of Germany, and that Germany be compelled to pay and indemnity and supply workers, material, machinery and furniture to enable the city to rehabilitate itself.



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### Col. Bennett Is Paroled

OSSINING, N. Y., Oct. 26.—Colonel E. M. Bennett, a Nassau County politician who was convicted in a jury fixing case in that county, has been paroled, the State Board of Pardons announced to-day. He is to be discharged in ten days, when his minimum sentence will have expired.

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